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Response Transmittal

Applicant: Miller  
Serial No.: 09/780,196  
Filed: 02/09/01  
TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TIMEOUT-FREE WAITING FOR AN ORDERED MESSAGE IN A CLUSTERED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

Docket No.: ROC919990110US2  
Group Art Unit: 2157  
Examiner: ALAM, UZMA

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In response to the office action dated August 24, 2004, applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of the pending claims.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 were originally filed in this patent application. In the pending office action, claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,247,059 to Johnson *et al.* (hereinafter "Johnson"). No claim was allowed. Claim 1-22 as originally filed are currently pending.

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